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SUBJ: KHMER AT 29TH UNGA: USSR

1. IN KOREA-JAPAN-US MEETING NOV 14 JAPANESE REPORTED TASS STORY BY KOSSINSKY DATEDLINE PHONM PENH NOV 10; OHTAKA SUMMARIZED TASS REPORT AS FOLLOWS: (A) THERE IS NO SERIOUS DOMESTIC MILITARY OR POLITICAL SITUATION IN PHNOM PENH. THE ATTENTION OF BOTH CAMBODIANS AND FOREIGNERS IS FOCUSED ON THE UN AND ITS EXPLORATION OF A SOLUTION TO THE PROBLEM THROUGH NEGOTIATIONS RATHER THAN THROUGH THE RESOLUTION ON KHMER REPRESENTATION BEING PUSHED BY THE CHINESE. KHMER FIND ENCOURAGING BOTH THIS GROWING INTEREST IN THE GKR AMONG THE NON-ALIGNED AND FACT THAT PRIME MINISTER LONG BORET MET WITH UNGA PRESIDENT BOUTEFLIKA. (B) A PAMPHLET (KHMER FEATURES) ISSUED BY THE GKR SAYS THAT THE USSR IS SHOWING FAVORABLE ATTITUDE TOWARDS UNCONDITIONAL NEGOTIATIONS SUCH AS THOSE SUGGESTED IN THE GKR PEACE APPEAL OF JULY 9.

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IN PRIVATE CONVERSATIONS IT HAS BEEN POINTED OUT

THAT IF THE USSR HELPS SIHANOUK GET THE UN SEAT IT
WILL PLAY INTO CHINA'S HANDS. THE PAMPHLET ADDED
THAT INDIA WILL SUPPORT SIHANOUK NOT BECAUSE IT
WANTS TO SUPPORT CHINA, BUT BECAUSE IT DOES NOT WANT
TO BE ISOLATED FROM OTHER NON-ALIGNED COUNTRIES.

2. COMMENT: STORY AS WE HAVE RECEIVED IT FROM JAPANESE
HERE APPEARS TO BE INTERESTING DEVELOPMENT IN SOVIET
ATTITUDE. WE WOULD APPRECIATE LEARNING IF STORY IS PRINTED
IN USSR OR ANYWHERE OUTSIDE PHNOM PENH AND WOULD LIKE TO PASS
MOSCOW'S AND DEPARTMENT'S ASSESSMENTS TO JAPANESE AND KHMER HERE.
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